

## NOTICE OF SALE

### **Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale**

The Miner Ditch Timber Sale is located within Section 36, T5S-R16W, on the State's Dillon Unit. Approximately 1,842 tons, consisting primarily of lodgepole pine sawlogs is offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **May 1, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.** Bids may be hand delivered or mailed and will be accepted any time prior to the bid opening. **DNRC recommends that bidders contact the Trust Land Management Division (406-542-4300) prior to the bid opening to ensure that your bid has been received.** Bids must be accompanied by a deposit of **\$1,727.00**, representing 5% of the minimum bid of the sale in cashier's check, certified check, bank money order or bank draft to be applied to the stumpage for the successful bidder. Bid bonds will be accepted and, for the successful bidder, will be closed upon execution of the Timber Sale Contract and Timber Sale Bond.

The sale will be awarded to the highest responsible bidder. If the successful bidder is unable to execute the contract within 45 calendar days from the date the sale is awarded, the bid deposit will be retained by the Department as liquidated damages. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Prospective bidders can obtain the sale prospectus, sale contract and bid forms from the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, Trust Land Management Division, in Missoula (406-542-4300), the Central Land Office in Helena (406-458-3500), or the Dillon Unit Office, 730 North Montana St., Dillon, MT 59725 (406-683-6305).

Visit our website at <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov> Online Services, for upcoming sales and bid results

/s/ David A. Groeschl, Chief  
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Trust Land Mgmt Division

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**TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS**  
**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION**

Timber Sale Name: Miner Ditch			
Timber Sale Location: E1/2 Section 36, T5S-R16W, Beaverhead County			
For specific sale information, contact:			
Phone	406-683-6305	Chuck Barone	Dillon Unit Office
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-458-3500		Central Land Office

**General Bidding Information**

1. Bids must be submitted on standard DNRC bid forms.
2. Timber will be sold to the highest responsible bidder; however, the Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
3. DNRC recommends that bidders contact the Forest Management Bureau, Trust Land Management Division (406-542-4300) prior to the bid opening to ensure that your bid has been received.
4. A **bid guarantee** must accompany all bids and must be in the form of cash, cashiers check, certified check, bank money order, bank draft, surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit.
5. The Purchaser must submit a **performance bond** within 45 days of the sale award. It will amount to 20% or more of the bid value of the sale. The performance bond may be in the form of cash, irrevocable letter of credit, surety bond or certificate of deposit. The performance bond must be maintained separately from other payments for the duration of the sale contract.
6. The Purchaser must submit an **advance stumpage payment** prior to cutting any timber. The amount of the advance will be based on the expected harvest rate and the bid value of the stumpage. The advance may be in the form of cash, irrevocable letter of credit, payment bond or certificate of deposit.
7. The Purchaser will pay **Forest Improvement fees** in addition to stumpage payments.
8. The successful bidder must sign an agreement that prohibits exporting State logs.
9. This sale is being sold based on the gross weight of all species. Minimum price and bid price is per ton. The price is for all species, green and dead. Billing will be based on gross weight. A weight ticket from a certified scale is required for every load.
10. The Department has estimated the net scale merchantable sawlog volume to be available for purchase under this contract. All delivered wood will be weighed and billed at per ton bid rates. The Department recognizes that a percentage of delivered wood may not meet the log manufacturing and recovery standards of the timber sale contract. The actual percentage will vary based on the log manufacturing and recovery specifications of the purchaser and the tree conditions in the sale area. The actual delivered weight may vary, resulting in an overrun or under-run of the estimated tonnage. DNRC strongly recommends that bidders evaluate these effects before bidding.
11. DNRC does not conduct detailed road appraisals. All appraised costs are gross estimates or averages, provided only to show the relative amount of work required, and not its market value. Purchasers should make their own estimates based on contract requirements.
12. Bidders should examine the Timber Sale Contract and sale area prior to bidding. Additional information is available at the phone numbers shown above.
13. Estimated stand data in this prospectus and volume estimates in the sale contract are not guaranteed.
14. This prospectus is provided for information purposes only. If the prospectus is in error or contradicts the Timber Sale Contract, the contract governs.

**TABLE 1: Summary of Sale Specifications**

Sale Data			
35	Net Sale Area (acres)	0.45	Miles of minimum standard road construction
June 30, 2008	Contract ending date	N/A	Miles of road reconstruction
100%	Tractor logging required (% of volume)	2387	Feet of road slashing
Operating Season: Portion of harvest unit north and east of the irrigation ditch can only be operated in during periods when irrigation ditch is inactive with no water flow (~August 15 – March 15, as directed by the Forest Officer). Only one season of operation will be allowed in this portion of the harvest unit. Operating period for the remainder of harvest unit is June 15 - March 15.			
Charges and Appraised Costs			
\$1,727.00	Bid Guarantee (total \$)		
20% of bid value	Performance Bond		
N/A	Collected Road Use Charges (\$ Lump Sum payment)		
\$1.25	Collected Forest Improvement Fee (\$ per ton) – Payable concurrent with stumpage payments.		
\$ 2,647.00	Road Development Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (total \$)		

**TABLE 2: Timber Cruise Data and Minimum Bids**

SPECIES	DF	LP	AF	ES	DDF	TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Acceptable Bid						\$18.75/ton
Net tons	33.5	1808.5				1842
Gross MBF (Scribner 6" top DIB)	5.5	297				302.5
%Cull and Breakage	10	10				10
Net MBF	5	270				275
Average DBH	12	10				10
Average tons per acre harvested in leave-tree marked units						
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale						7.85
Calculated Sampling Error ( <i>net</i> MBF): 20 %						
The total cruised volume will fall between 220 and 330 thousand net board feet in 9 out of 10 cruises						
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet Conversion Factor = 6.7 net tons per 1 net MBF = 6.7 tons per MBF						

**TABLE 3: Unit Harvest Volume and Harvest Schedule**

Unit	Section	Acres	Estimated Net Tons	Estimated Net MBF	Removal Date
1	36	35	1,842	275	February 28, 2008

**Additional Sale Information:**

1. The Purchaser will be required to provide, install and remove **one plastic lined native log bundle** as identified in Attachment "B" of the sale contract. All improvements will remain as property of the DNRC or the appropriate landowner when use is completed.
2. The Purchaser will be required to lop and scatter, trample, return skid and/or spot pile all slash to meet slash requirements.
3. The Purchaser will be required to purchase and deliver to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation 53 pounds of pure live grass seed in the following mixture:

<b><u>SEED MIX (all ownerships)</u></b>	
Pubescent Wheatgrass	<b>13 lbs</b>
"Revenue or Primar" Slender Wheatgrass	<b>16 lbs</b>
"Durar or Whitmar" Hard Fescue	<b>10 lbs</b>
"Ruebens" Canada Bluegrass	<b>7 lbs</b>
"Bromar" Mountain Brome	<b><u>7 lbs</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>53 LBS</b>

4. New construction will be effectively closed through placement of slash and debris. Temporary ditch crossing (native log bundle) will be removed and ditch returned to previous condition. Locations and type of work will be identified by the Forest Officer prior to closure phase of the project.
5. All logging and heavy equipment must be power washed by the Purchaser and inspected by the Forest Officer prior to entry to the sale area.
6. Recurrent maintenance of all roads (~0.9 miles) is required.